

Appln. No. 09/770,577
Amdt. dated Sep. 27, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 27, 2005
Docket No. 6169-145

IBM Docket No. BOC9-1999-0092

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action of June 27, 2005 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due.

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 5 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,694,295 to Lindholm, *et al.* (Lindholm).

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended Independent Claim 1 to include the features recited in Claim 2, which was deemed at page 3 of the Office Action to be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of Claim 1 (i.e., the base claim). Claim 2 is hereby cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 3, 5, 14, and 15 each now depend from a claim deemed to be allowable subject matter and are thus likewise allowable. Claims 6-11 and 13 were deemed at page 3 of the Office Action to be allowable subject matter.

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the

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Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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